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1. Japanese Examined Patent Application Publication H7-11806, published January 13, 1995. (with English abstract)
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-222305, published August 17, 1999. (with English abstract)
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-091351, published April 4, 1997. (with English abstract)

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4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-069580, published March 10, 1998. (with English abstract)
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-100107, published April 13, 1999. (with English abstract)
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H07-293067, published November 7, 1995. (with English abstract).
7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-151154, published June 8, 1999. (with English abstract).
8. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H2000-345747, published December 12, 2000. (with English abstract).
9. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-317278, published December 9, 1997. (with English abstract).
10. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H5-090995, published April 20, 1993. (with English abstract).

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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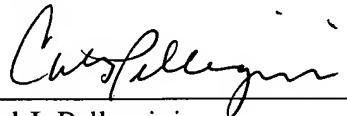
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